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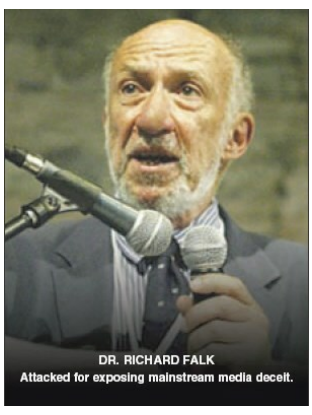

Scare Stories About Russia, Iran Just More Mainstream Media Lies

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ON A REGULAR BASIS THE MASS MEDIA paints ugly pictures of foreign leaders such as President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran and Russian premier Vladimir Putin, portraying them as modern-day heirs of Adolf Hitler (the great villain, or so cast, by the media during the 20th century) and as threats to Israel and the United States.

It is for good reason that AMERICAN FREE PRESS continues to insist that "the Media Is the Enemy." The mass print and broadcast media in the United States—which is controlled by war-mongering globalists—has been guilty of perpetrating untruths about international affairs, working assiduously to stir up Americans into a war-like state of mind, directing them to focus their ire on foreign nations such as Iran and Russia, much as they did in the buildup to both of the American wars against Iraq.*

However, despite the predominance of lies and disinformation in the mass media, occasionally some truths leak out, buried in the pages of small-circulation journals and in the pages of books. And bearing in mind that most non-fiction books seen in bookstores and in libraries generally sell, on the average, roughly 10,000 copies—in a country of 250 million people—it's clear that those who actually get the facts appearing in those books are a relatively small number indeed.

The media bombards Americans with scare stories about Iran being on the verge of assembling a nuclear arsenal, although the media is careful to omit the fact that Iran (and other Middle Eastern nations) might have an interest in nuclear weapons because of the fact that their neighbor, Israel, is one of the world's five great nuclear powers with untold numbers of nuclear weapons in place, aimed—as one Israeli geopolitical and military analyst, Dr. Martin van Crevald has admitted—at London, Rome, Moscow, and other global capitals.

However, in a recent commentary entitled "How to Deal With Iran," published in the February 12 edition of the small circulation *New York Review*, three influential American analysts have laid waste to much of this media ballyhoo.

Although the authors—William Luer, president of the United Nations Association of the United States of America, Thomas R. Pickering, former undersecretary of state for political affairs, and Jim Walsh, a research associate in the Security Studies Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—have called for the transfer of Iran's program for uranium enrichment (central to weapons development) to multinational ownership and operation following negotiation with Iran, they dispute claims (coming from Israel and from pro- Israel media voices) that Iran now has enough nuclear fuel to build a nuclear weapon. In regard to this misinformation, they wrote:

> News reports and some commentators have recently claimed that Iran has enough material for a nuclear weapon. These reports referred to Iran's stock of low-enriched uranium. This is a misleading claim. To begin with, one cannot make a nuclear weapon with low-enriched uranium. A nuclear weapon requires highly enriched uranium or plutonium, and Iran possess neither. In theory, Iran could take its stock of low-enriched uranium and enrich it to a grade required for making bombs, but its low-enriched uranium is currently under the surveillance of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Diverting this material for military purposes would be discovered by the IAEA. (Detection of diversion is the IAEA's technological strong suit.) Iran's choices, therefore, are to cheat and get caught or kick out the inspectors. Either action would represent an extreme departure from Iranian strategy to date and in any case would likely precipitate military action by Israel.

The mass media has, for years, targeted Russian leader Vladimir Putin, coming on the heels of a "study" issued by the Council on Foreign Relations—the New York-based affiliate of the Rothschild family controlled Royal Institute of International Affairs in London. The study raised concerns about so-called "anti-democratic" trends in Russia under Putin, who enraged the international financial community with his measures to curtail the power of the plutocratic oligarchs in Russia (many of whom hold joint Russian-Israeli citizenship and who, in several instances, have gone into exile).

However, as Edward Lucas, in his *T*he New Cold War: Putin's Russia and the Threat to the West, pointed out, Putin is actually very popular among the Russian people:

> Though they lack the freedom to choose their elected representatives, to organize publicly to influence their government, or to change their political systems, never in Russian history have so many Russians lived so well and so freely. That is a proud boast, and one that even those who dislike Russia's current path must honestly acknowledge.

Lucas said further:

> For all his attacks on other freedoms, [Putin] has preserved the ones that the "new Russians" most care about. More than ever before, Russians can plan their lives: they can save, educate themselves, travel, and bring up their children as they like; they can buy anything they can afford, own property at home or abroad, worship (mostly) as they like; they can even live according to their sexual preference (if not always publicly).

In short, Putin is not the totalitarian autocrat that Putin's critics in New York, London and Tel Aviv (and their flacks in the media, in the Washington "think tanks" and in neo-conservative propaganda outfits) insist on telling the American people.

This phenomenon—mass media lies about selected foreign leaders who have crossed the would-be rulers of a New World Order—is nothing new. Dr. Richard Falk, a professor of international law at Princeton University, has written two pivotal works demonstrating that America's so-called "newspaper of record," *The New York Times*, has continually distorted the facts about the conduct of U.S. foreign policy: namely, (1) *The Record of the Paper: How the New York Times Misreports U.S. Foreign Policy*; and (2) *Israel-Palestine on Record: How the New York Times Misreports Conflict in the Middle East*. And what makes the *Times'* outrageous record even more problematic is the fact that many other media outlets take their leads on reporting on foreign policy from this powerful daily newspaper.

Incidentally, Dr. Falk has emerged as a particularly outspoken critic of Israel in his recent role as the special United Nations rapporteur on human rights in the Palestinian territories, to the point that Israel actually barred Falk from visiting Palestine. In addition, he has raised doubts about the "official" version of what really happened during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on American soil, saying that growing skepticism "taints the legitimacy of the American government."

The bottom line is this: The Media Is the Enemy.You simply can't trust the mass media to give you the news about international affairs that you need to know.

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**Brainwashed for War, Programmed to Kill*, by Malaysian diplomat and attorney Matthias Chang is an excellent primer on media manipulation in the drive for the establishment of a New World Order. It is available at $30 from *American Free Press*, 645 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003 or call 1-888-699-6397.

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